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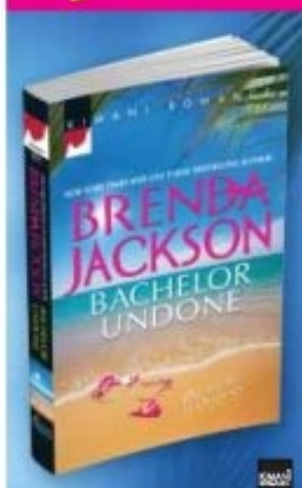

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From high walls guarding Philly against the rising Delaware River to an end of traffic on the Schuylkill Expressway, futurists predict huge changes {page 02}

▶ This could very well be the Delaware Riverfront in 2050. Where's the New Jersey side? Under water, one professor predicts.

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Philly 2050: What the future will bring

High walls needed to protect city from rising rivers ◗ Vertical farms will line Center City skyscapers ◗ Traffic jams become things of the past

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▶ Your apartment of the future may look a little something like this.

The first forecast from noted futurist and former Drexel professor Arthur Shostak is: Don't invest in any Jersey beachfront property.

"The rise of the ocean level off the Jersey coast, 40 years from now, is very likely to have done great damage to a lot of summer beach real estate owned today by Philadelphians," Shostak said, adding that Philadelphia will probably have to build high walls around its ocean-connected rivers to avoid periodic flooding.

But most of his predictions are less dire. "There's a high probability the city, by 2050, will be greener in terms of environmental ecological adaptation than ever before," he said. "We expect that homes will have walls that will radiate heat or radiate cool — we won't need air-conditioners or heaters."

Many Philadelphia renters will likely live in vertical farms — 20- to 40-story buildings that house produce along with people and use power from solar energy-generating roads.

And the roads themselves may well be less congested. "It's highly likely by 2050 that Philadelphia traffic jams will be in the history books," Shostak said. "Humans will not be at the wheel." Vehicles operated by artificial intelligence will avoid obstacles and choose the most efficient routes. Instead of subways or buses, Shostak envisions low-cost "robotic personal cabs" that are always on call.

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My robot, my self

One caveat: Advances in artificial intelligence will likely bring self-awareness, Shostak said. Rather than simply having a robot vacuuming their homes, "Philadelphians are likely to, in 2050, sit alongside at a desk of a robot worker who probably will be a colleague, almost an equal."

That could have risks. "We want to protect [differences] between our species and the species we're bringing along," he said. "We'll get into enormous trouble if we ever lose sight that we are the father and they are the son or daughter — that's a risk our great-grandchildren will likely be wrestling with."

Worldview

Dr. Ulrich Eberl, renowned German futurist, has more predictions for 2050:

- Homes be "smarter," equipped with electronic nervous systems controlling utilities, security and networked appliances communicating with each other.
- "Personal robots" may be more common and have advanced voice control and gesture recognition, allowing them to interpret facial expressions and emotions.

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In the news

Squandered sheriff cash sought

The city controller urged the city solicitor yesterday to go after millions of dollars overpaid by the sheriff's office to two advertising firms. An audit of the sheriff showed that RCS and Reach, both owned by the same person, were overpaid at least $7.4 million.

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Philly launches local hub similar to Facebook

Math teacher Brian Cohen found himself frustrated with the lack of computers accessible to his students.

So he logged onto Change by Us Philly, a new "Facebook-like" online hub administered by the Mayor's Office of Communication where users can submit suggestions or requests and connect with city officials, resources and like-minded people or organizations.

A user suggested that Cohen get in touch with Comcast's Internet Essentials program, and he is now working with them to get laptops at reduced prices. Philadelphia is the second city to launch the site. The Rockefeller Foundation announced yesterday that it will provide a $25,000 grant to fund local projects.

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Prisons sued in alleged coverup

Female inmates at Riverside Correctional Facility claim complaints about transsexual inmate ignored

A civil rights lawsuit filed by four Philadelphia women last week alleges that officials at the all-female prison kept a male-born transsexual's gender secret because they claim she was engaging in sex acts with a correctional officer, giving Saldana the opportunity to sexually harass female cellmates.

The complaint names 80 defendants, including prison officials, the city of Philadelphia and prisons contractor Prison Health Services, Inc.

"In [transsexual Jovanie] Saldana's year of incarceration, she went through multiple strip searches, venereal disease tests, cavity searches," said the women's lawyer Brian Humble. "At the end of the day, there are only two conclusions you can draw: Either everyone in the prison was an absolute moron and can't identify a penis from a vagina, or, there was [an unknown] reason."

▶ Philadelphia Industrial Correctional Center

The women allege that Saldana repeatedly touched their breasts, leered at them as they undressed and showered, made sexual comments and, in once incident, masturbated on a cellmate from a top bunk.

The complaint claims that action was only taken against Saldana after 425 days of imprisonment. Police closed a criminal investigation into the incident in September without any charges.

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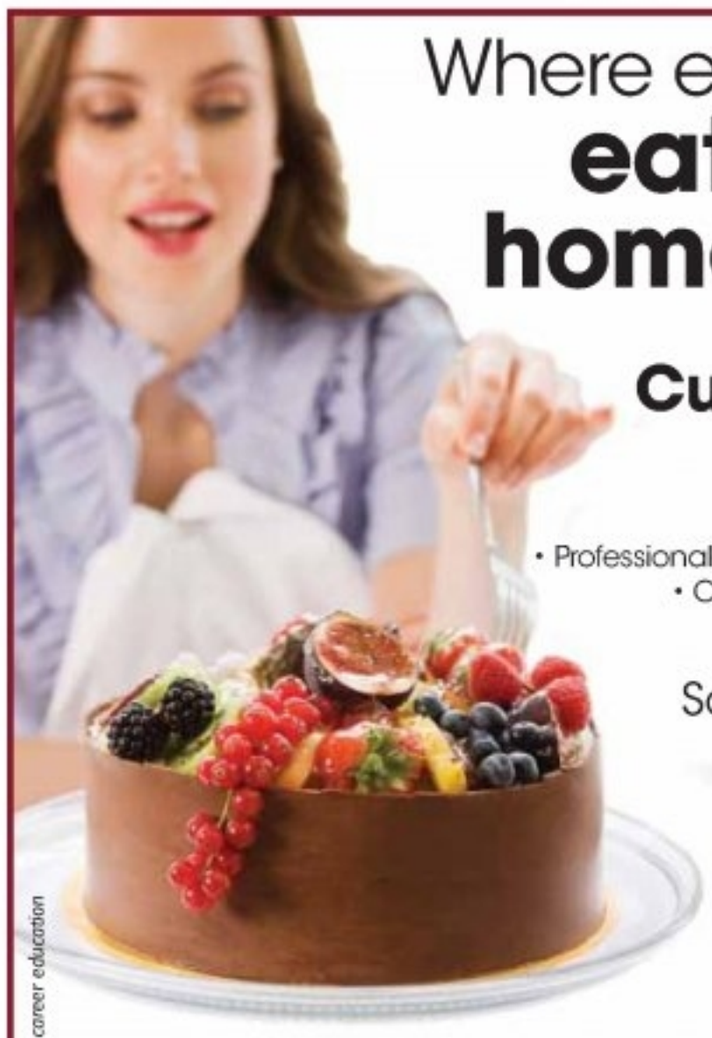
Occupy. Day 46

▶ The Rev. Jesse Jackson stopped by Occupy Philly's Interfaith Tent yesterday, where he spoke with members and lead them in prayer during his third visit to the City Hall encampment.

Jackson steps inside Occupy tent

"I think Occupy is exposing poverty, is exposing pain, is exposing homelessness," Jackson told Metro yesterday. "Occupy is a spirit that addresses the gaps around inequality and moves to expose these gaps more significantly to get them addressed." He added that he thinks Occupy is an important wake-up call to lawmakers, both local and federal. METRO/AW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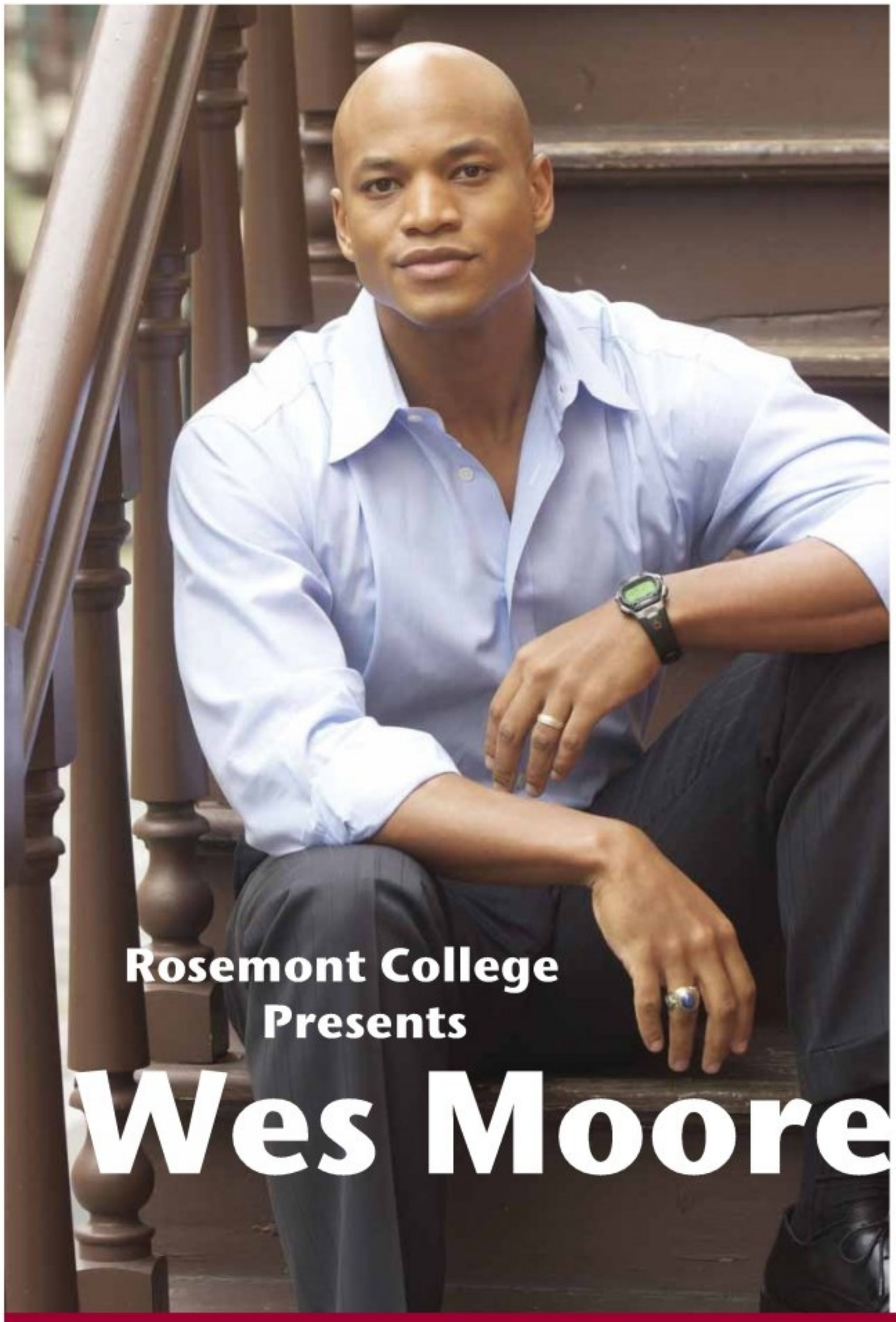

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More green makes us less mean, study finds

◗ Cleaning, improving landscapes of vacant lots leads to reduced crime
◗ 4,000 lots 'cleaned and greened'

Cleaning and greening vacant urban lots can lead to a reduction in crime and improvement in health, according to a new study led by a University of Pennsylvania professor.

The decade-long study, led by Penn's associate professor of epidemiology Charles Branas and published in the American Journal of Epidemiology last week, compared vacant lots in Philadelphia to improved vacant lots that had been greened by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society between 1999 and 2008.

It found a significant reduction in the number of gun assaults in most of the city and a significant reduction in vandalism in one section of the city. It also found that residents in certain sections reported significantly less stress and more exercise.

"Greening is a viable strategy to reduce crime and potentially improve health," Branas said.

Researchers said that the improved lots likely signaled to criminals that residents cared and were watching the area, while the health benefits came as a result of a cleaner, more attractive environments for residents. ● SOLOMON D. LEACH

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Police boss benched after OWS spraying

Fallout continues over student protester crackdown in California ◗ Also: Cops taken to court in New York

The University of California at Davis has put the campus police chief on administrative leave while it probes officers' use of pepper spray on students passively protesting last week, the university said yesterday.

The announcement came one day after the school put two police officers on administrative leave who were videotaped deploying pepper spray on the seated protesters.

"As I have gathered more information about the events that took place on our Quad on Friday, it has become clear to me that this is a necessary step toward restoring trust on our campus," UC Davis Chancellor Linda Katehi said in a statement.

Katehi has also asked the Yolo County District Attorney's office to investigate the police department's use of force. REUTERS

Internet outrage

Video footage that showed a riot gear-clad policeman using pepper spray on a group of about a dozen student protesters in the university's quad area spread quickly over the Internet, sparking outrage among students and some faculty members.

NYPD sued over arrests

NEW YORK. A bartender and his fiancee involved in an Occupy Wall Street protest sued the New York City Police Department for alleged civil-rights violations stemming from a protest at a Citibank branch last month.

The lawsuit claims the police violated protesters' Constitutional rights against unlawful detention and arrest, and they also used excessive force. BLOOMBERG

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Choose the newsmaker

The first day of nominations for Metro's Man and Woman of the year event provided some interesting contrasts, to say the least. Charlie Sheen gained several early nominations, as did Lara Logan. But late in the day there came a rush of nominations for the 99 Percent — another version, we suppose, of the OWS protestors. Nominations remain open until Friday, Dec. 9. E-mail nominations to mwoty@metro.us

Study says fat people eat less than thin

WASHINGTON. Overweight adults eat less often than people in the normal body weight range, but still take in more calories and are less active over the course of the day, according to a U.S. study.

By contrast, normal-weight adults, including those who had lost a lot of weight and kept it off, ate more often, according to findings published in the Journal of the American Dietetic Association.

"Most of the research has shown that people who eat more frequently have a lower weight. But no one knows why," said lead researcher Jessica Bachman, an assistant professor in the department of Nutrition and Dietetics at Marywood University in Scranton, Pennsylvania. REUTERS

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Metro contest photo of the day

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Ex-FBI director to investigate Penn State sex scandal

Penn State University trustees named former FBI director and federal judge Louis Freeh yesterday to head an independent investigation into the child sex abuse scandal that has rocked the university.

Freeh told a news conference that the investigative team run by his law firm would examine gaps in Penn State's "control environment," oversight and culture that allowed years of alleged abuse to go undetected and unreported.

"The scope of our work will be broad, covering a lengthy period of time," Freeh said.

Word of the investigation came as a psychologist working with one of Jerry Sandusky's alleged abuse victims, now a senior in high school, said his client had been forced to leave school because of bullying.

▶ Freeh

Sandusky, 67, a former assistant football coach at Penn State, was charged this month with multiple counts of sexually abusing eight young boys over a 15-year period. In a nationally televised interview, Sandusky denied he abused the boys and said he is not a pedophile.

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"The scope of our work will be broad, covering a lengthy period of time."
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Two former university officials were charged in an alleged coverup. They have also said they were innocent.

The board of trustees fired legendary football coach Joe Paterno and Penn State's president for failing to tell police about the allegation of abuse once they learned of it. REUTERS

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Kutcher tries to buy Moore's love

Speaking of cars, just before **Demi Moore** announced she was divorcing him **Ashton Kutcher** reportedly

made a last-ditch effort to save their marriage by buying her a brand-new car, according to TMZ. Sources say Kutcher spent upwards of $100,000 for a 2012 Lexus, ordering it Nov. 9 — two days before Moore's birthday. It's unclear if Moore accepted the gift or if Kutcher had to return it. With all the rumors about their threesomes going around, it probably would have been more apt if he'd given her an Escort.

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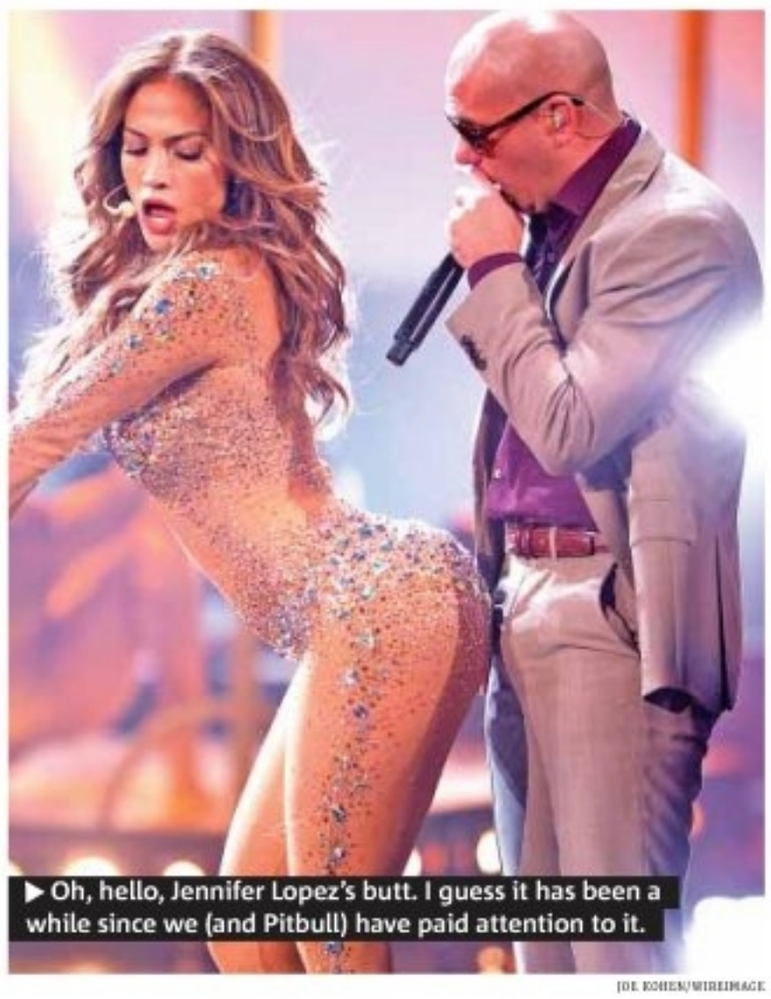
Note to Jennifer Lopez: Put some real pants on

Jennifer Lopez is ridiculous.

I put up with her Fiat commercials. I admit I was a little thrown when the car appeared in her "Papi" music video (and a 30-second trailer for the video), but I dealt with it. But did a Fiat 500 really have to appear onstage with her during her performance of "Papi" during Sunday night's American Music Awards? Really? What's next? A staged paparazzi shot with one, strolling arm and axle on the beaches of Cabo?

It's just that everything lately with the singer/star has been so in-your-face. I realize she is trying to stage a comeback and is trying to refill her bank account, but it's reaching saturation point.

Like, what was up with that skintight Britney Spears-esque bodysuit she was wearing at the AMAs? We get it. You're 42 and still super hot — but come on, put some pants on. You're a mom now; you can be sexy without showing off your lady parts. She is acting like a slutty reality TV contestant instead of the true star she is.



▶ Oh, hello, Jennifer Lopez's butt. I guess it has been a while since we (and Pitbull) have paid attention to it.

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Another case in point? She was sure to leak her behavior at a celebrity-packed AMA after-party to Us Weekly. The magazine reported that Lopez retreated to a private booth with her new boy toy, dancer **Casper Smart**, where she was seen grinding on his lap, rubbing his head and kissing him.

This isn't to say that Lopez shouldn't have a good time now that she's single and on the prowl. She gets a hearty "You go, girl!" for that. But she should do so within reason. And, for God's sake, leave your endorsements of Fiat for the commercials.

The feed ...

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Colin Hanks is feeling festive, Pam Grier is staying young, Taylor Swift is having trouble controlling herself and Patton Oswalt is wrestling with resistance.

▶ **@Colin_Hanks**
Without American thanksgiving to hold it back, Paris is very close to becoming Christmas city y'all. And it's not even December.

▶ **@PamGrier**
We do not stop playing because we are old, We grow old because we stop playing.

▶ **@taylorswift13**
I got really excited about Christmas and bought all the holiday flavored coffee creamers at the grocery store.

▶ **@pattonoswalt**
"You just don't get it, man." -- my body fat, whenever I attempt exercise.

Oswalt

Talking points

Stop playing games with our hearts, Justin

Jessica Biel and **Justin Timberlake** continue to stoke rumors that they're back together. The pair reportedly stuck by each other's side at a dinner Biel hosted recently at the Chateau Marmont, according to People magazine. Biel and Timberlake sat together, shared food and were "very sweet" to each other during the intimate dinner, sources say.

▶ Biel and Timberlake

Bieber is still calm over test

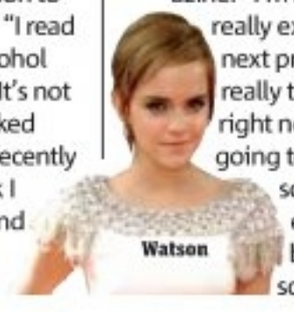
Justin Bieber seemed worry-free over the weekend, despite reportedly taking a DNA test to clear up a paternity suit brought against him, according to Us Weekly. The Canadian pop star was all smiles at a rehearsal for the American Music Awards, serenading girlfriend **Selena Gomez**. "At one point Justin even sang 'I Feel Good' a la James Brown," a source says. "They were totally adorable. They were snuggling in between takes. They look as in love as ever."

Weisz keeps mum on Craig

Rachel Weisz is enjoying married life with **Daniel Craig**, but that doesn't mean she enjoys talking about it with the press. "I'm sorry," she tells the Telegraph. "I'm a newlywed. I'm still a blushing bride and it's really private. I can't tell you anything. Come back to me later." And Weisz has good reason to be press-shy, she admits: "I read that I wasn't drinking alcohol because I was pregnant. It's not true," she adds. "I was asked [about having children] recently by a journalist and I think I said, 'You never know.' And it was turned into something else entirely."

Watson back in the UK

After her year of college in the U.S., "Harry Potter" star **Emma Watson** is happy to be back in the U.K. studying at Oxford University. "It's really nice ... just to have that steady routine and being home, being around people I love and doing what I love," Watson tells People magazine. "I'm studying and really excited about my next projects. I can't really talk about them right now, but I am going to try and fit in some film projects next year in between school."



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1. Nicki Minaj ruled the rap and hip-hop categories, winning the Favorite Rap/Hip-Hop Album award for her "Pink Friday." She was also crowned the Favorite Rap/Hip-Hop Artist.

Highlights from the 39th annual American Music Awards

2. Ground control to Katy Perry: David Bowie may be a fashion icon, but you picked the wrong era of his to channel as you performed "The One That Got Away" at the show. Perry did go on to win a Special Achievement Award for being the first female artist to score five No. 1 singles off the same album, but still, you know, nobody would mind if the whole blue bangs and cupcake boobs phase went on forever.

3. Mary J. Blige stunned the red carpet in a Roberto Cavalli single-sleeved leopard print gown.

4. Kelly Clarkson was all old-school glamor in a red sequined dress, singing "Mr. Know It All."

5. David Hasselhoff popped up on stage with LMFAO and stripped down to his underwear during their performance of "Party Rock Anthem."

6. Glowing in a golden mesh Reem Acra strapless gown, Taylor Swift was the big winner of the night, bagging three awards, including Artist of the Year.

7. A very pregnant (and very beautiful) Beyonce was unable to receive her award for Favorite Soul/R&B Female Artist in person, as she was in New York hosting a screening of her new concert film, "Live at Roseland."

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Shop smart on Black Friday

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For some people, the idea of waking up at 5 a.m. the day after Thanksgiving to battle mall crowds is about as appealing as Tofurkey. But for others, even in the age of Cyber Monday and free shipping, it's all about the hunt.

"Every year we see an increase of people turning to online shopping, but with Black Friday you still get lots of crowds," says Andrea Woroch, a consumer and money-saving expert for Kinoli Inc. "There are people who like to find those door-busting deals, and sure enough, there are still great deals to be had out there."

That said, even Black Friday die-hards can learn a little from their tech-savvy counterparts. Here are Woroch's top tips for shopping smart in the midst of retail madness.

Have a plan

"One of the most important things you can do is plan ahead and find out what the deals are going to be across several different stores," says Woroch. "Let's say there's a huge discount on a TV at Target — call ahead and ask how many they have in stock. Map out a route, or go to a mall where there are a variety of stores."

Pro tip

If you know what stores you'll be shopping at in advance, visit **Giftcardgranny.com**, where you can buy gift cards at less than face value from sellers who would rather have the cash. "You can save anywhere from an additional 5 percent to 35 percent," says Woroch.

Hit the road early

You'll want to set the alarm for a disturbing hour not just for the deals, but to ensure a leisurely day. "It pays to be out there early because the door-busters will be limited in quantity. The earlier you shop, the more time you have to hit retailers and feel like you can get lunch. That's important — you should also enjoy the crazy holiday shopping frenzy."

Take advantage of price-matching

"Remember that big merchants like Sears, Home Depot and Wal-Mart are really beefing up their price-matching guarantees. They'll meet or beat a competitor's price. Have your smartphone with you to download and present barcodes that cashiers can price-match while you're at

Gifts for you

Your shopping survival kit

Hitting the stores on Black Friday? Be prepared, brave shopper!

1 While we're sure some dried fruit or nuts would be ideal fuel, come on — it's officially the holidays. Pretzel Crisps' new Dark Chocolate & Peppermint flavor are the perfect combo of salty, sweet and festive to have waiting in your car. **$3, at various supermarkets**

2 Bring a bottle of water so you don't fall victim to sugary, high-calorie (but so delicious) mall lemonade. Mavea's home filtration system makes for seriously pure H2O, but we also love the look of their pitcher, which is sleek enough to make a guest appearance at holiday dinner parties. **$35 at Macy's and Williams-Sonoma stores**

3 Did Thanksgiving dinner include an after-party? Blowfish is a new FDA regulated hangover remedy that you dissolve in water and swill the morning after. Follow with bagels for best results. **$12 for six doses www.forhangovers.com**

4 Make a wind-down bubble bath extra sweet with Vitabath's new Cupcake Couture collection, available in scents such as Luscious Lemon Creme and Dreamy Pink Frosting. **$10 each, Ulta and Bed, Bath & Beyond stores**

5 We weren't going to recommend a bubble bath without candles. Crabtree & Evelyn's Noel candle has a delightful Christmas mix of cranberry, evergreen and cinnamon scents. **$45, www.crabtree-evelyn.com**

6 Don't think we forgot the bubble bath bubbly. The "magnum" bottle of Mionetto Prosecco Brut contains two bottles' worth of the dry, apple-kissed sparkling wine. It was, after all, a long day. **$25, www.mionettousa.com**

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▶ In a new survey by ConsumerSearch.com, 61 percent of respondents said they plan to shop in stores on Black Friday.

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Load up on apps

There are a ton of apps out there to help you shop savvy. Woroch recommends Amazon's free Price Check app — which allows you to scan barcodes and compare them to in-store prices — and Sale Saver, a supercalculator that computes the actual price of an item after that additional 20 percent off, sales tax and coupons. But the gold standard is Coupon Sherpa, which synchs with your GPS to find paperless coupons, which cashiers can scan right off your phone.

Only buy what you need

"Retailers are already out there offering deals," says Woroch. "They want to create a sense of urgency — but they'll offer that 40 percent off again. Do your research, know how much things cost and take advantage of a deal only when you need it."

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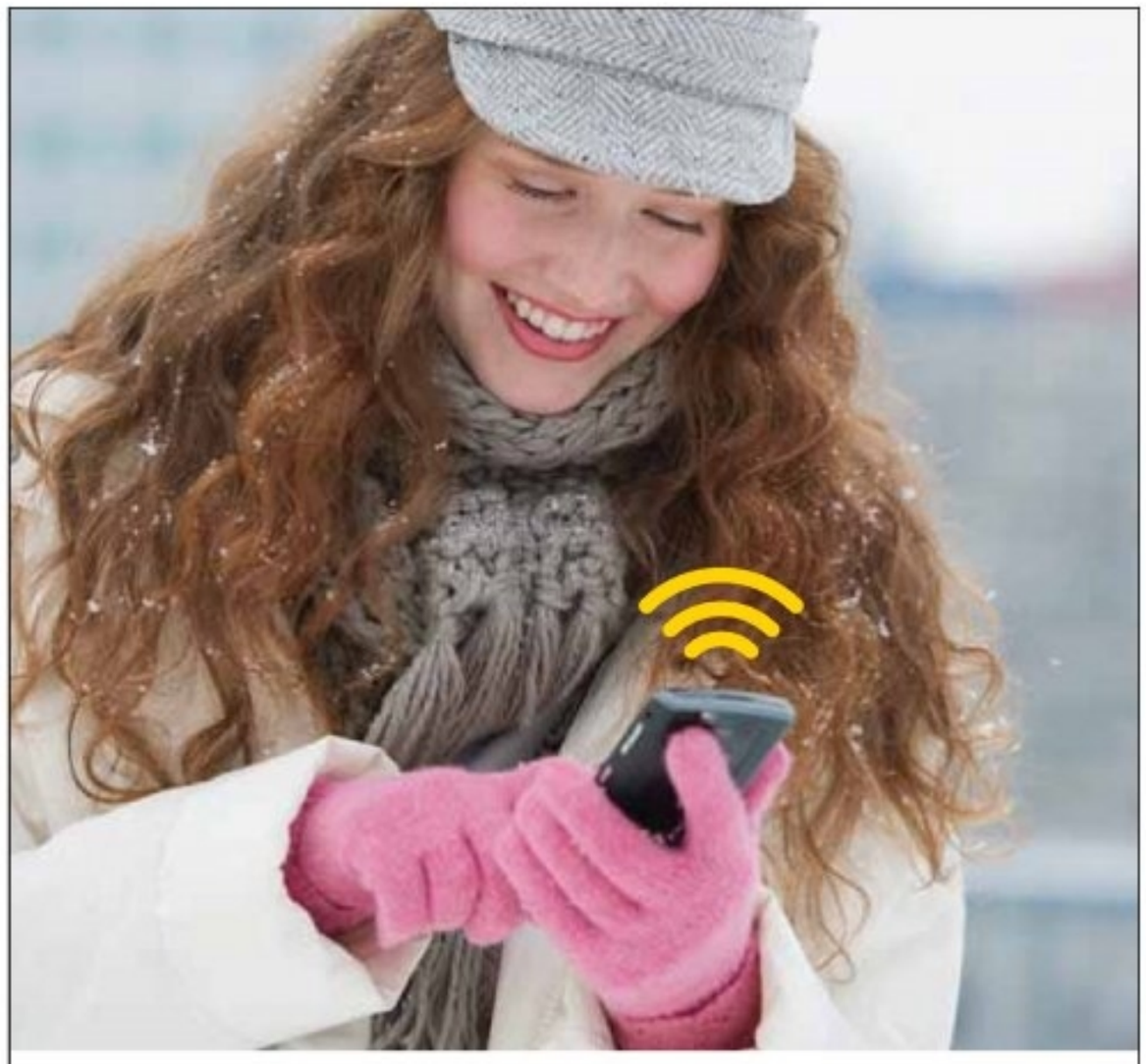

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▶ Best Buy previously landed on the "naughty" list for return policies. Will a "Harry Potter" screening for early customers make them "nice" this year? Check www.consumerreports.org.

NAUGHTY

AirTran: Discounted coach and on-sale tickets don't include the price of a seat, which costs an extra $6-$20 each way at the time of booking.

RadioShack: The company sometimes charges different prices for items depending on whether it was bought online or at the store, including one instance where the cost of an HDMI cable in-store was nearly twice the cost of the online price.

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Daily deals

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- **Saturday:** The 365+ seven-piece stainless steel cookware set includes the essential pots and pans (and lids!) needed to whip up any holiday meal for just $19.99 (regular price: $39.99). Pair with the Direkt three-piece kitchen utensil ($3.99) for your own Iron Chef's kitchen.

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5 Holiday gift-wrapping tips from DailyCandy

Score big on Black Friday? You're not quite done just yet DailyCandy correspondent SuChin Pak shows us how to wrap those gifts up right

1 Make a statement with ribbon and twine
Consider ribbon and twine your presents' key accessory — let it do the talking.
- **Kate's Paperie Satin Ribbon, $.73-$2.80 per yard,** www.katespaperie.com
- **Knot & Bow Glitter Twine, $20,** www.etsy.com/shop/knotandbow

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2 Get crafty with wrapping paper
Use brown craft paper or a combination of stamps and old calendars to bring a hint of nostalgia to your holiday presents.

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3 Personalized gift tags
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4 Seal it
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5 Add a card
Don't forget to add a card and give your best wishes for the New Year.

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Old-school holiday cards

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▶ Arcadia Boutique will knock 30 percent off black items on Black Friday.

▶ Record Store Day

www.recordstoreday.com

As in years past, Record Store Day will coincide with the holiest of shopping days. You won't find door-buster sales beginning at ungodly hours, but you will find musicians and fans geeking out over exclusive releases, re-issues and box sets. If you've got a music nerd on your list, impress them with a rock rarity from participating shops like AKA Music in Old City (27 N. Second St.), The Marvelous! in West Philly (208 S. 40th St.) or Main Street Music in Manayunk (4444 Main St.).

▶ Adresse

1706 Locust St.

www.adressephiladelphia.com

This swanky Rittenhouse boutique will be having a sale both Friday and Saturday — in case you don't feel like braving the streets until after the dust of Black Friday settles. Certain items will be on sale at 30 percent off, including designs by Chloe, Stella McCartney and Lela Rose.

▶ Fire & Ice Jewelry

The Shops at Liberty Place

1625 Chestnut St.

www.shopsatliberty.com

Want to put a rock on her finger this season? The entire store will be marked down 20 percent all day long. If you spend $75 or more you get a $25 gift certificate — but get there early because that deal only lasts until noon. If you spend $100 or more you receive a free hand-blown glass ornament — hello, free gift for mom!

▶ Bus Stop

750 S. Fourth St., www.busstopboutique.com

Matiko pumps are on sale at Bus Stop.

Bus Stop's "Black on Black" party includes a 20 percent discount on certain black winter kicks. Enjoy free refreshments and styling tips while you shop (5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.) and browse attire from special guest Three Sirens Boutique.

Sazz Vintage

38 N. Third St.

www.sazzvintage.com

Sazz is hosting a three-day sale after Thanksgiving where everything will be 40 percent off, excluding those extra special goodies marked "firm." While they specialize in men's vintage and carry plenty of adorable vintage for the ladies, too, it's also the mecca for ugly Christmas sweaters.

This year, take the gold at your Ugly Christmas Sweater party.

▶ Velvet Lily

1040 N. Second St., Suite 201

www.thevelvetlily.com

Heat up the holidays this season with a very grown-up gift from Velvet Lily, where you can find plenty of modern adult gifts for him and her that range from sweet and tame to downright wild. Select merchandise will be 10-20 percent off.

▶ Arcadia Boutique

819 N. Second St.; 265 S. 20th St., www.arcadiaboutique.com

Arcadia is also getting into the "Black on Black" spirit. Take 30 percent off any black merchandise — including sale items — and 15 percent off everything else, just because they like you.

▶ Rittenhouse Needlepoint

1737 Chestnut St., second floor

www.rittenhouse needlepoint.com

This year Black Friday happens to fall on Rittenhouse Needlepoint's third anniversary, which mean you crafters win big. On Friday and Saturday the store will take 10 percent off everything in the shop and on their website. (If you shop online be sure to use the code THREEYEARS at checkout.) As a special thanks, the first five customers to spend $50 or more will receive a special goody bag.

▶ Philly AIDS Thrift

710 S. Fifth St., 215-922-3186

www.phillyaidsthrift.com

You don't have to get up before dawn but you can't sleep too late, either. One of our favorite thrift stores, which recently moved to a new location, will be half-off from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. — including sale items. So stock up on quirky knickknacks.

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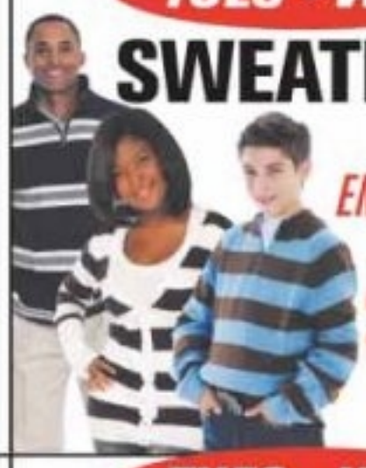

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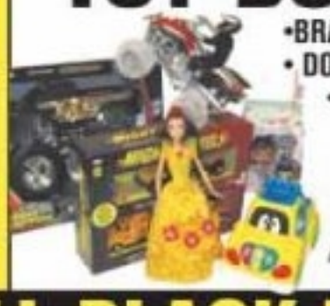

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There's a little something Indiana Jones about Saddleback Leather's classic briefcase, which is made from hardy boot leather so it breaks in like a trusty pair of go-to shoes. $519, www.saddlebackleather.com
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1. Ralph Lauren's knit vest is the rare vest that doesn't look ridiculous outside of a hot cocoa commercial. **$145, www.ralphlauren.com**

3. Designed for cyclists, Levi's Commuter jeans have a utility waistband for easy U-lock storage, reflective tape on the cuffs and just enough stretch for comfy pedaling. **$78, at Urban Outfitters stores**

4. Everyone expects a chunky cable-knit under the tree, but Orlebar Brown's lightweight, cotton-silk scarf is more suited for a cool night on the beach. **$79, www.orlebarbrown.com**

5. For every pair of their hand-painted One for One series, TOMS will donate to provide prescription glasses or sight-saving treatment to a person in need. **$135, www.toms.com**

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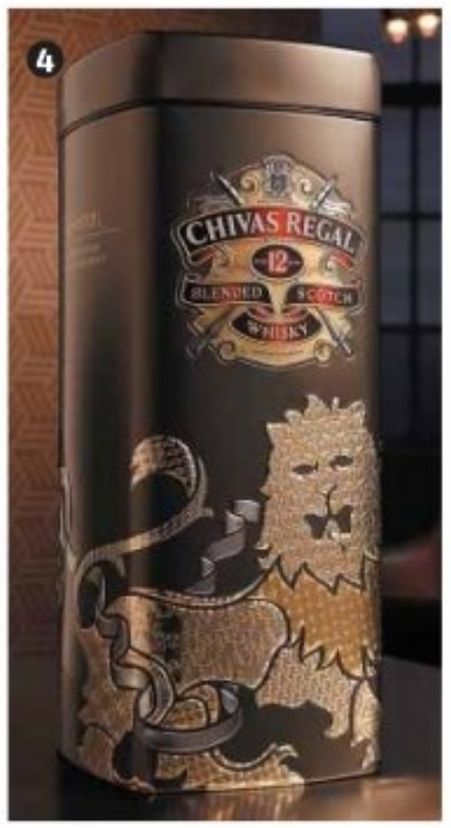

1. The Onions' Beer Lover Gift Pack includes an "I Enjoy Drinking Beer" tee, two pint glasses with measures for liquids from barium to soda, a framed front-page beer story and, of course, the reason you'd buy someone this: A magnet featuring the headline "Study: Alligators Dangerous No Matter How Drunk You Are." It's true. **$82, www.store.theonion.com**

2. Seltzer's "Seven Year" pens can write up to two meters a day for seven years thanks to a barrel that holds about six times the amount of ink as your average pen. We particularly like this dapper fellow. **$7.50, www.seltzergoods.com**

3. With their stylish plaid wrappers, Sir Richard's condoms are the only prophylactics we'd recommend as stocking stuffers. Plus, for every condom brought, Sir Richard — ever the gentleman — donates one to a developing country. **$13-$14, at Whole Foods stores**

4. Chivas Regal's holiday bottle comes in a fancy limited-edition tin by New York illustrator Dan Funderburgh. You know what it doesn't come with? Brookstone stainless steel ice cubes. You've gotta add those to the package for the whisky win. **Whisky: $35, www.chivas.com; ice cubes: $25 for six, www.brookstone.com**

5. MCMC's woodsy, spicy beard oil is 100 percent natural and 100 percent dude-approved. **$65, www.artintheage.com**

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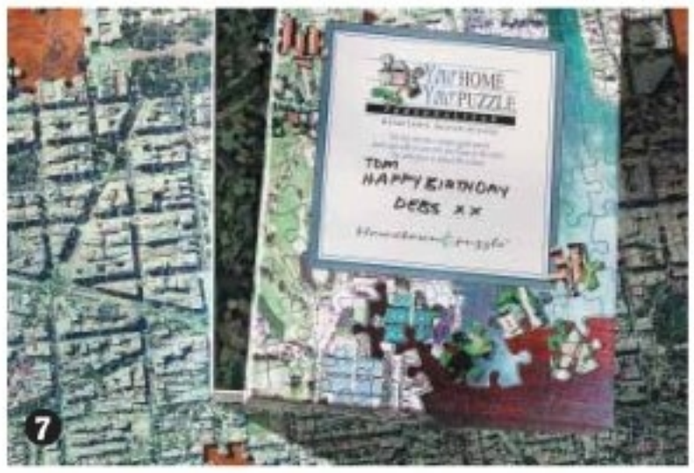

6. Got a gadget-head on your hands? Goal Zero's portable speakers are solar-powered and ready to hook up to your phone, laptop or MP3 player. **$39, www.goalzero.com**

7. At the risk of making sweeping generalizations, boys like maps. The National Geographic store is full of them, but our pick is for the personalized aerial view jigsaw puzzle. Your house is at the center of the satellite photo. **$50, www.shop.nationalgeographic.com**

8. A pack of personalized tees will never cut it after the GolfBuddy World GPS rangefinder. Pre-loaded with 33,000 courses and room for another 7,000, it maps out every single hole on the green. **$299, www.golfbuddyglobal.com**

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Make her wish list come true this year

- Things she needs are great
- But things she wants are even better

1. The concept for the "6 Packs/9 Lives" calendar is pretty simple: Hot guys and cute cats make every month that much better. Proceeds from the calendar benefit the Found Animals Foundation, an L.A.-based nonprofit that works to decrease animal shelter euthanasia. Without further ado, please meet Mr. December. **$14, www.foundanimals.org**

2. LUSH's "Brrrrilliant" box includes grapefruit-kissed Snow Globe soap and Australian Igloo sugar scrub to instantly warm up the chilly mornings ahead. And, um, did we mention it's perfectly wrapped? **$13, www.lush.com**

3. People have very personal, very strong, very loud views about Ugg boots. But the brand's classic duffle — made of rugged waxed canvas and finished off with rustic brass hardware — is a definite crowd-pleaser. **$345, www.uggaustralia.com**

4. We love these Diane von Furstenberg "Zoe" shades for snowy mornings and sunny shores alike. **$165, www.dvf.com**

5. Give her a little something to look forward to with Crabtree & Evelyn's "shed bag," which comes complete with veggie-printed gardening tools and pampering potions for the greenest of thumbs. **$48, www.crabtree-evelyn.com**

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7. Even if she doesn't usually wear perfume, Viva La Juicy's flirty little bottle has an irresistible Paris-after-hours appeal. **$98 (3.4 oz.), at Macy's stores**

8. Big bulky terrycloth robes are for your mom. Betsey Johnson's adorable little velour and satin robe definitely isn't. **$89, at Bloomingdale's stores and www.betseyjohnson.com**

9. These Converse high-tops are still classics, but a little extra special — just like her. **$100, www.converse.com**

10. At less than $30, Rubr watches make a trendy stocking stuffer for almost anyone. **$25, www.rubrwatchnation.com**

11. Soap & Glory's cheeky "Do a Bubble Take" gift set has all the makings for a perfectly decadent bubble bath. Minus — hint, hint — a bottle of bubbly. **$36, www.sephora.com**

12. Keep your snowbunny warm with Restoration Hardware's so-soft faux-fur booties and ushanka hat. **$19 (booties), $39 (hat), www.restoration hardware.com**

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Don't show with empty hands

- You don't have to do dishes or put your drunk friends in cabs
- The least you could do is bring your host a little something special

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1. Bring your hosts treats to enjoy after everyone goes home. Iron Chef Jose Garces' artisan chocolate bars feature unexpected combos such as porcini and thyme. His Garces Trading Co. coffee will make a messy kitchen easier to wake up to. **Chocolate: $8, coffee: $14, www.grg-mgmt.com**

2. Bringing blooms? These ceramic stone vases from the Museum of Modern Art's design store are an artful little extra and won't send your busy

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host scrambling for water. **$75, www.momastore.org**

3. Everyone brings a bottle of wine. Mix it up with this festive bar set from Olivia & Cocoa. **$78, www.oliveandcocoa.com**

4. Restoration Hardware's rustic brass ornaments have a subtle holiday feel that will fit in with any tree's decor. **$20-$32, www.restorationhardware.com**

5. Moet's Imperial Gift Box keeps bubbly chilled and is ready to go with a festive bow. Just add orange juice for the perfect morning-after gift. **$40, www.moet.com**

Online deals

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Amazon has some sweet deals for everyone who would rather shop in their PJs. Pay a visit to **www.amazon.com/blackfriday** to view all of their specials for Friday, including 99 cent DVDs, up to 50 percent off on select cashmere items and the PSP-3000 PlayStation Portable Core Pack for $99.

Everything But Water

Vacation on the horizon? Resort-wear brand Everything But Water isn't offering discounts this weekend, but they will donate 5 percent of all sales made Nov. 25-28 to the LUNGevity Foundation, a lung cancer awareness organization. Visit **www.everythingbutwater.com** to get shopping.

Ellington Handbags

Portland-based accessories brand Ellington Handbags is offering 20 percent off all regularly priced items at **www.ellingtonhandbags.com** Nov. 25-28. Enter the code JOY20 at checkout.

Marcia Patmos

We're loving the capsule collection of knits that Marcia Patmos did for Anthropologie under her Leroy & Perry label. But know what we love even more? That everything at **www.mpatmos.com** is 50 percent off on Black Friday. No lines, no packed dressing rooms required.

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Gifts for kids

A little something for the little ones

Is it just us, or have toys gotten way cooler since we believed in Santa? Our picks for kids — and one or two for kids at heart

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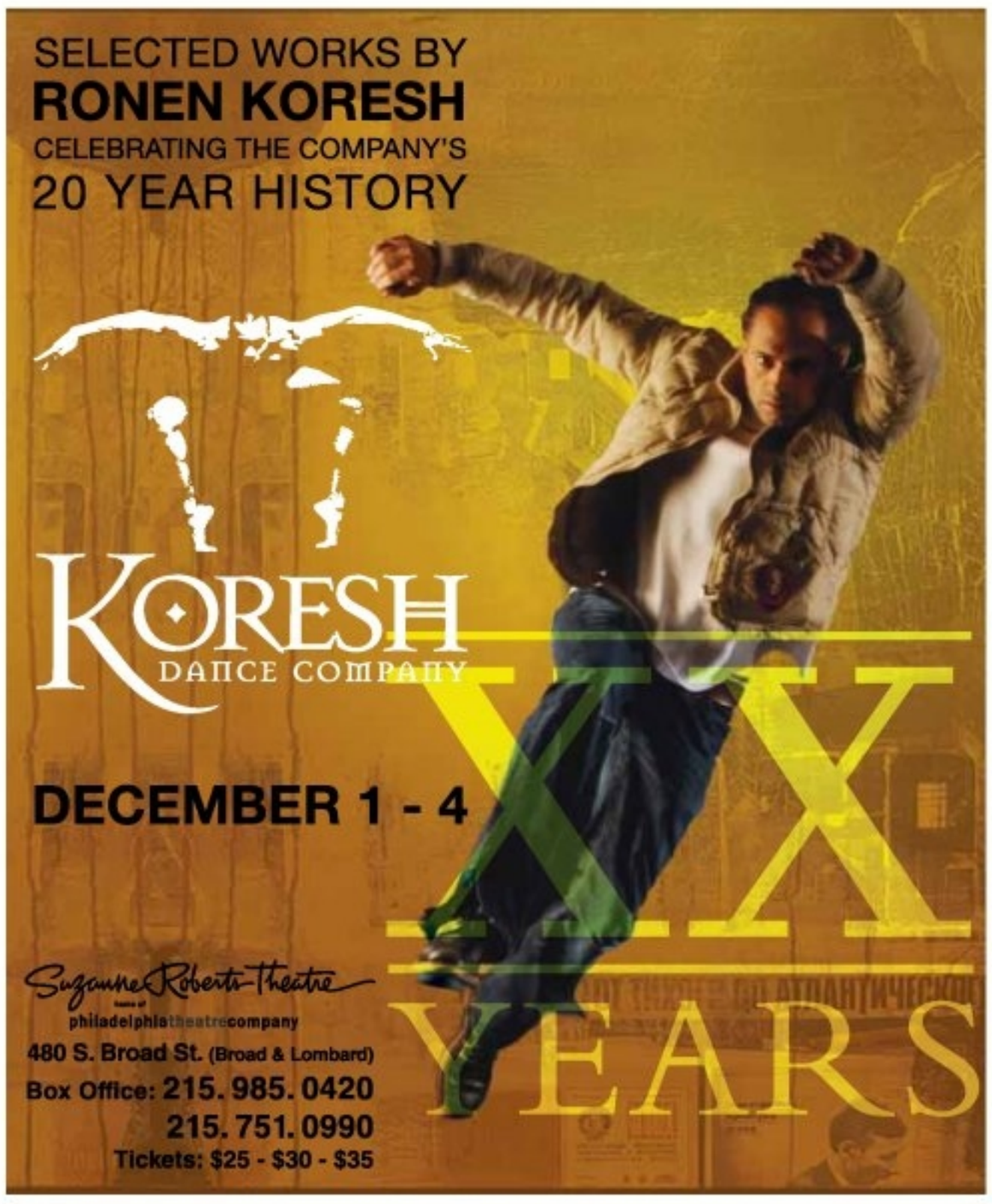

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Equipped with three wheels, the Mini Kick looks like a big kid's ride, but little ones won't topple as they practice their balance. $85, www.gilt.com

1. Keep their first Christmas nice and cozy with MyNatural Disney Blankies, made from natural cotton and colored with eco-friendly dyes. **$15, www.toysrus.com**

2. The "Sesame Street" gang are never going out of style. Let's Rock Elmo sings and plays instruments (don't worry — he's happy to share his drums with kiddos), while Count 'N Crunch Cookie Monster teaches numbers as he gobbles away. **Cookie: $30; Elmo: $70, www.hasbrotoyshop.com**

3. Meet Magical Fairy Dora: From what we understand about little girls, you cannot possibly go wrong with this one. **$30, www.shop.nick.com**

4. LEGO characters have come a long way since we last played with the little blockheads. This year, SpongeBob SquarePants and friends get in on the action. **$15-$20, www.shop.nick.com**

5. We have no idea when the EasyBake oven got this cool. Or started including red velvet cupcakes. But we do know we still want one — bad. **$50, www.hasbrotoyshop.com**

6. Hello, Kitty! This MP3 player can store more than 100 songs and keep sticky fingers off your iPhone. **$30, www.toysrus.com**

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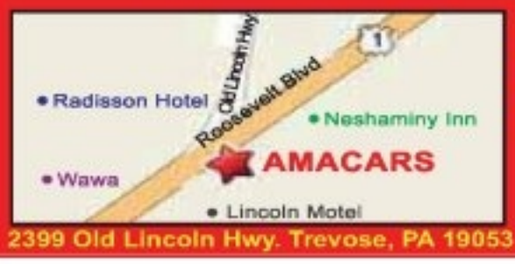

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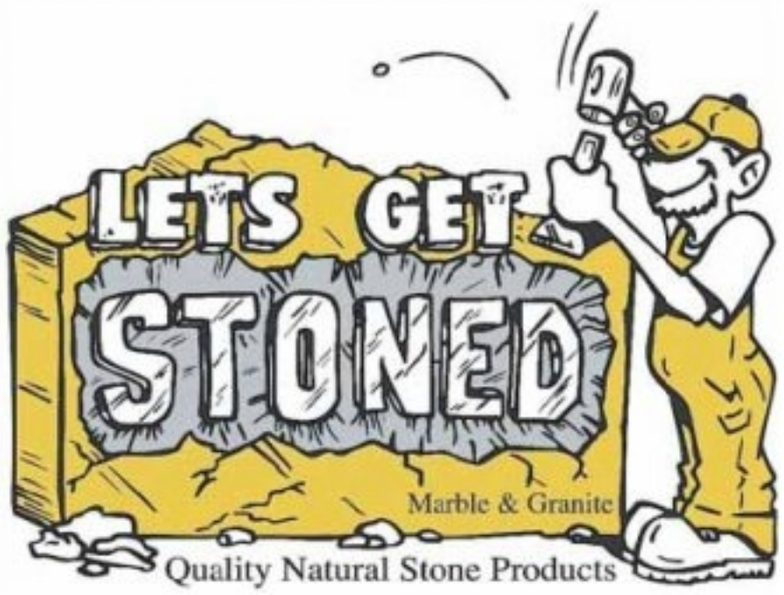

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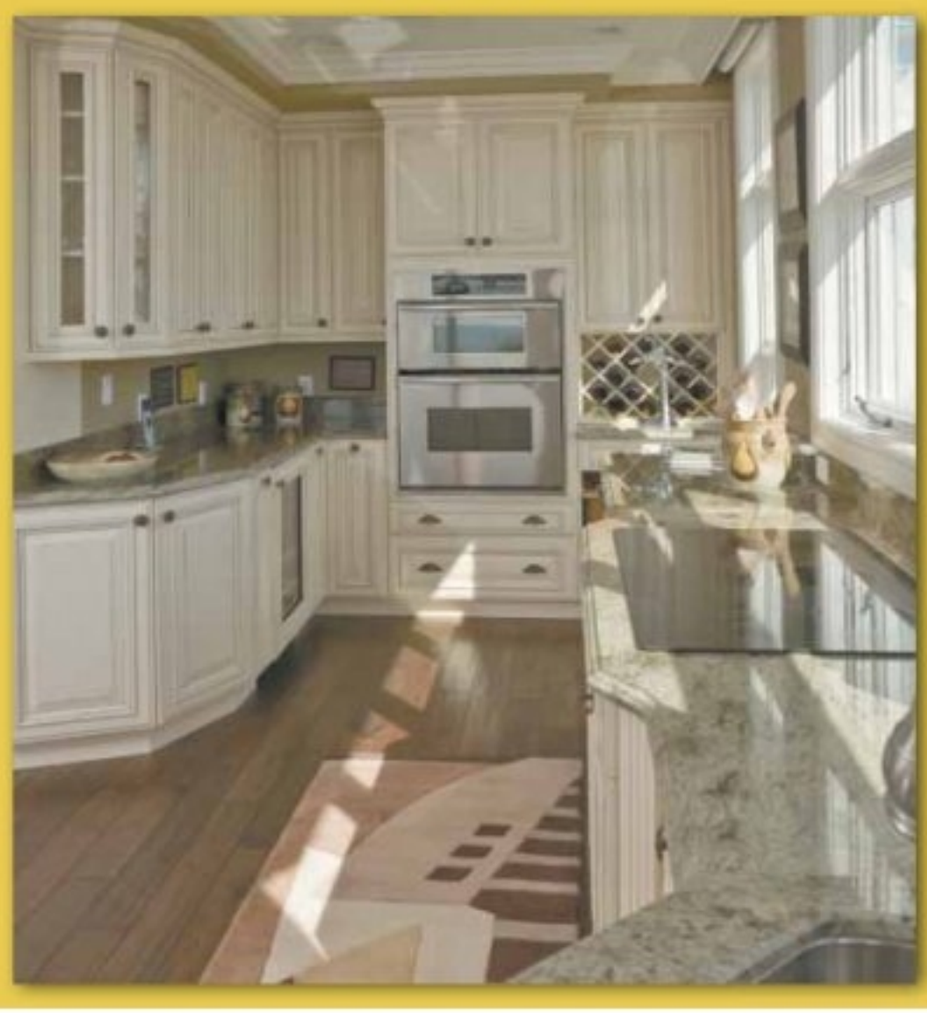

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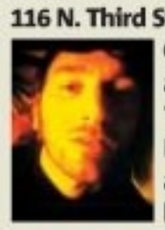

Good For: Your artistic friend.
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Gift Idea: Art in the Age's own line of super soft tees, $20

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Good For: Women who love antique jewelry.
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Metro Mens Clothing
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Good For: Trendy men.
"The place has some great clothes at pretty reasonable prices. While some of the brands (Ben Sherman, Original Penguin) are available at several places in the city, I am always sold on supporting local business. The staff member was helpful and just the right amount of attentive." **SURAJ P.**

Lost + Found
133 N. Third St.

Good For: Trendy fashionistas.
"Most affordable boutique on Third Street Row and perhaps even in all of Old City. Accessories galore with reasonably priced shades, jewelry, scarves, hats and shoes. Great place for accessories and sale items. **CATHERINE L.**

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Good For: Crafty dads and husbands (and crafty women, too!).
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Franklin Square Boutique
128 N. Third St.

Good For: Trendy fashionistas.
"At some point I stumbled into Franklin Square. The boutique is lovely — all solid wood and littered with charming tchotchkes and adorable clothes for ladies. Stores like these make me almost wish I was a girl. So many fun options." **JASON F.**

Omoi
1608 Pine St.

Good For: Your goofy friend or sibling.
"Cute cute cute! This place gives such an inviting atmosphere, so I wasn't afraid to ask questions or browse. The staff members are very friendly and helpful." **THAO N.**

Open House
107 S. 13th St.

Good For: City-dwellers and home entertainers.
"This store had the most adorable stuff. My father and I went in on Valentine's Day and we were able to find the cutest martini glasses for my mother, the woman who has everything ... and that says something." **KRISTIN C.**

Gift Idea: Philadelphia coasters, $12

Wilbur: Vintage and Designer Clothing
716 S. Fourth St.

Good For: Fashionistas who love designer duds.
"The jewelry selection is especially amazing. Dan includes details about the pieces, including the decade, on the tag — which I just love. Blows away the competition. One of the best vintage shops anywhere." **TRACIE P.**

Smak Parlour
219 Market St.

Good For: Girly-girls.
"Love this place! Such a crazy little store filled to the brim with gorgeous, uniquely designed clothes and accessories — the jewelry is ridiculous, I think I want every pair of earrings in the place. And the books, lip glosses disguised as a tiny box of chocolates, the stunning artwork, the great home items. The sunglasses. The bags! And two of the friendliest girls there to steer you to whatever might work for you. This is what all city boutiques should aspire to be." **TERI R.**

Gift idea: Femme Feather Soft Gloves, $20

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Good For: Every woman.
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Black Friday playlist

Shop with your buds — your earbuds

Holiday carols through the speakers at the mall? Bah humbug! On Friday, make your own soundtrack and rock out with this playlist.

▶ **'Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer,' Culture**
There's nothing wrong with getting into the spirit of the season, but do it on your own terms. Sometimes, your own terms might mean this chill reggae version of a classic, so you don't feel like it's something you've already heard a million times.

▶ **'Oh No,' Girl Talk**
This mashup has the colossal layering of personalities that the shopping experience offers. Plus it combines Black Sabbath power chords with Ludacris, saying "Move b—, get out-the the way."

▶ **'Pretty Boy Swag,' Soulja Boy Tell'em**
Speaking of "get out-the way," you might want to make this one your anthem too, and say "pretty boy comin' through."

▶ **'Bittersweet Symphony,' The Verve**
Ever see the video for this one? Singer Richard Ashcroft is just walking through the crowded street, banging into everybody else, totally oblivious that they're there because his song is so pretty. This tune will make you be that guy as you steamroll through the mall.

▶ **'Albatross,' Fleetwood Mac**
You'll definitely need a few zen moments with your headphones as you brave this aggressive shopping climate. This wordless tune by an early incarnation of Fleetwood Mac is a great start. If this instrumental gives you that crucial inner peace, also try R.E.M.'s "New Orleans Instrumental," and Yo La Tengo's "Return to Hot Chicken."

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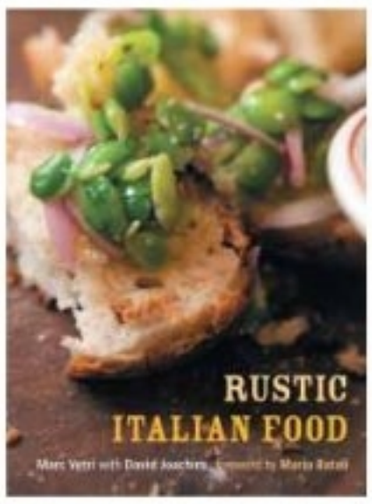
The Philly chef on his casual new cookbook, 'Rustic Italian Food'
What he's whipping up for Thanksgiving dinner

KELLY CAMPBELL

▶ Marc Vetri discusses "Rustic Italian Food" tonight at the Free Library at 7:30 p.m. For more info, visit www.freelibrary.org.

Marc Vetri, the chef/owner of Vetri Ristorante, Osteria and Amis, wanted to keep things simple with his latest cookbook, "Rustic Italian Food." "This is what I always wanted to do," Vetri says. "But they wouldn't let me. Nowadays, with the more casual cooking scene, the publisher was more open to the idea."

Vetri compiled the book's 120 recipes with home cooks in mind. From Spinach and Ricotta Gnocchi to Slow Roasted Lamb Shoulders and Fig Bread, even beginner-level cooks can prepare and enjoy some of the award-winning chef's favorite comfort food.



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FOR MARC VETRI'S TURKEY MILANESE RECIPE

Why did you want to keep it simple?
As a home cook, it's difficult to look at a restaurant cookbook and make any sense of the recipes. I wanted to give folks an easier understanding of what we do. I love to cook at home on the weekends, and the food I make is always a little bit simpler. That said, I think it's actually harder to make simpler foods because you have nothing to hide behind. If the flavors aren't right on, or if you don't shop correctly, you're going to notice. You have to be a better all-around cook to make more simple foods, and that's what the book's able to help people with.

Thanksgiving's all about simplicity. What does the table look like at the Vetri house?
We always have meatballs, which is the classic South Philly Thanksgiving, but not much from the traditional menu. We try to make a new menu each year. We like to mix things up. We always do something new with the turkey.

What are you planning this year?
I'm making some homemade turkey sausage with a pizza and a smoked turkey stuffing. I always make way too much food, so there are lots of leftovers.

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VETRI

Do you recommend any dishes from "Rustic Italian Food" for people's Thanksgiving menus?
There's an awesome Turkey Milanese in there, which I made last year. Everybody likes fried foods — if you fry up anything, it's amazing. They make for excellent sandwiches the next day. Thanksgiving's a fun holiday for eating.

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Eight days and 15,000 words to go

Sam writes a novel

SAMANTHA SWEENEY
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There's one week left in National Novel Writing Month. Has three weeks of what the NaNoWriMo officials refer to as "literary abandon" been everything I expected? Yes, actually, right down to the Red Bull-fueled nights. I've learned a lot of things the past three weeks that I can apply as I wrap up my novel:

1 The way one envisions a story and the way it actually manifests itself may be very different! It's really like a Choose-Your-Own-Adventure process. Allow it to happen. Everyone has different writing styles, so take each comment and criticism with a grain of salt.

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▶ **4.** "The Best of Me," Nicholas Sparks
▶ **5.** "Q84," Haruki Murakami

Top nonfiction
▶ **1.** "Steve Jobs," Walter Isaacson
▶ **2.** "Killing Lincoln: The Shocking Assassination That Changed America Forever," Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard
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KENYA HUNT

TV watch list

'Dancing with the Stars'

REALITY. J.R. Martinez and Karina Smirnoff, Ricki Lake and Derek Hough, and Rob Kardashian and Cheryl Burke have danced their way to the final three in the name of that mirror ball trophy. (They might also be going for the unofficial Tackiest Costume This Side of Vegas trophy.) Find out who wins the title tonight. **Season finale, 9 p.m., ABC**

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▶ J.R. Martinez and Karina Smirnoff hope to dance away with the mirror ball trophy on "Dancing with the Stars."

'Parenthood'

DRAMA. Adam looks like a turkey when a work flirtation leads to trouble at home. Sorry, we have Thanksgiving on the brain. **10 p.m., NBC**

'Millionaire Matchmaker'

REALITY. Patti tasks her underlings to find her a man. Ugh. Don't you just hate when the boss puts all of the work (and their personal baggage) on your desk? **Season finale, 9 p.m., Bravo**

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Parenting notes

New website to get addicted to

Need a laugh to get you through the day? Of course you do. Check out Nickmom.com, a new blog from the folks behind Nickelodeon with funny stories, videos and pictures. At the end of next year, NICKMOM will launch a four-hour block of programming on Nick Jr. with talk shows, stand-up comedy and other content geared toward today's hip, tech-savvy mom (who likely grew up watching Nickelodeon).

Perfect for penguin-lovers

"Happy Feet Two" is now playing in theaters, and you can bring home the fun with the new Happy Feet Two Freezing Frenzy Game. The object of the game is to collect colored "ice" cubes that are tossed by Erik, one of the film's starring birds, off a shaking platform. The first to collect all six of their colored cubes wins.

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Should your kid have an online presence?

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▶ Be careful before posting pics of your little one.

Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon recently caused a stir when they created Dembabies.com, a website dedicated to their newborn twins Moroccan and Monroe, complete with intimate and revealing shots of the babies in the bath and even in the hospital. But the Carey-Cannons are not the only family giving their kids an online presence at a very early age — babies are now on Twitter, YouTube and Facebook, which even has an option to add an "expected" member of their family, complete with a photo and due date.

The average child's "digital birth" is at about 6 months old, according to a global report by Internet Security specialist AVG, although photos of 33 percent of children are posted online just weeks after birth, and almost a quarter of children have a digital footprint before birth, when their parents put sonogram photos online. Eighty-one percent of children have a digital profile by age 2.

"Parents should bear in mind that as soon as they post something online it is very difficult and often impossible to remove," warns Pamela Whitby, author of "Is your child safe online?: A parent's guide to the internet, Facebook, mobile phones & other new media." "By creating a digital presence for your child at a young age, you may be compromising their privacy."

The dangers of a digital footprint for babies include misappropriation of photos and identity theft if too many details are revealed, says Whitby. There's also the potential impact on your own relationship with your child. "Parents should ask themselves how they would feel if every aspect of their own childhood was made public," says Whitby. "Some children may not like the history their parents have created for them."

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Safety first

Keep your child safe online:

- **Read the terms of use** of the website that you intend to use; many have rules about the minimum age of users.
- **Keep in mind** that the Internet is a public place; references to your child will be available forever and a child's reputation can be impacted by anything that a parent chooses to share.
- **Set your privacy settings** carefully and consider sharing only with immediate family and friends.
- **Consider exactly** what information you are sharing and with whom you are sharing it. Don't use full names and avoid explicitly identifiable information.
- **Remember that** children view their parents as a source for what is appropriate and inappropriate behavior online; parents should only post information that they would feel comfortable with their child posting of themselves as they get older. SOURCE: WWW.FOSI.ORG

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Gourmet traveler: Wolfgang Puck

Puck put California on the culinary map in the '80s when he invented fusion cuisine at the now-legendary Spago The celebrity chef reveals his favorite culinary destinations to Metro

When we asked famed chef Wolfgang Puck for his No. 1 gastronomic destination, he didn't go very far from his base of California.

"I would go to the Chino Ranch, which supplies most of my vegetables. It's only a two-hour drive from my place, but I have often rented a house there on the ocean just so I could eat their vegetables for two weeks — I became almost a vegetarian," he says of the farm that supplies his restaurants with produce.

But when pressed, he admitted to other, favorite gastronomic destinations. "I like Hong Kong, I love Japan and the fish market in Tokyo, and I like to go over to France, Italy and Spain. Last year, we went to Barcelona and went to the Boqueria market for simple Spanish food and good ham."

His gastronomic globe-trotting is limited only by his long-suffering travel companion, his wife. "My wife says, 'I have eight courses for lunch and eight courses for dinner, I don't want to do it anymore, take somebody who likes to eat that much.'"

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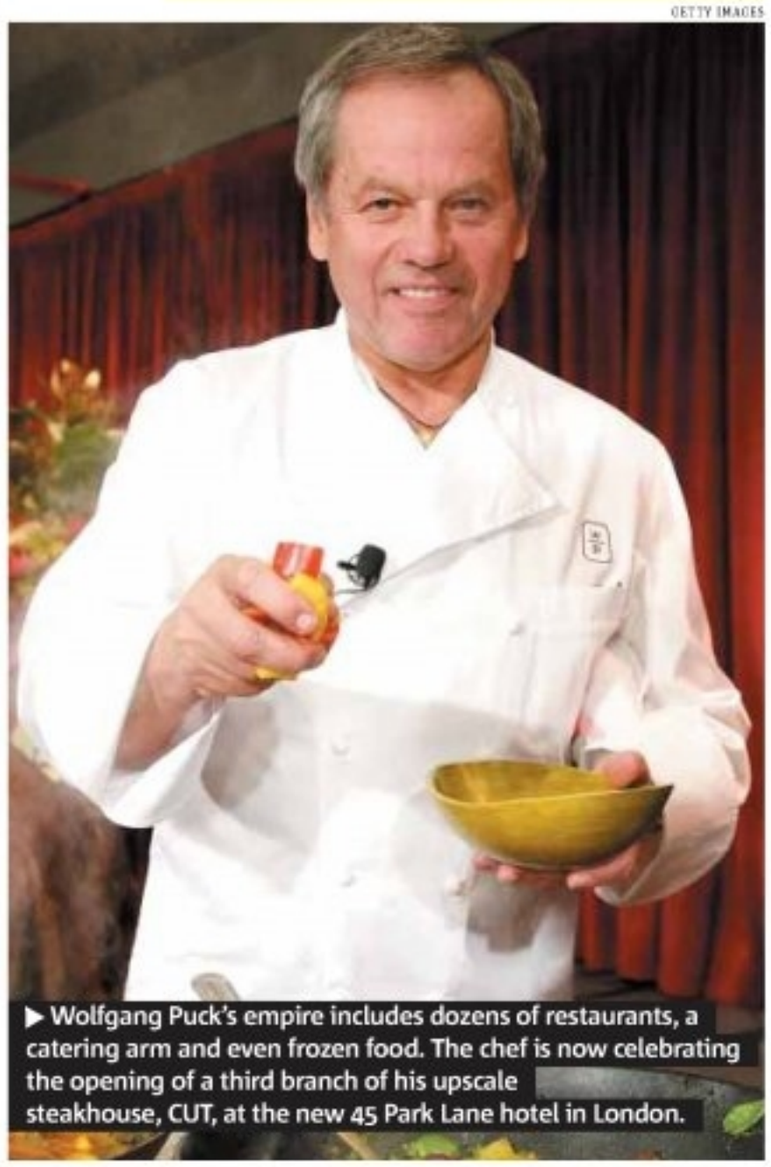

▶ Wolfgang Puck's empire includes dozens of restaurants, a catering arm and even frozen food. The chef is now celebrating the opening of a third branch of his upscale steakhouse, CUT, at the new 45 Park Lane hotel in London.

Puck's picks

Top gastronomic souvenirs:

- Pata negra ham from Spain
- White truffles from Piedmont, Italy
- Porterhouse steak from Snake River Farm, Idaho

Puck's top three gastronomic destinations:

1 The Fat Duck, Bray, England: "I was particularly surprised by The Fat Duck because I didn't expect that I would like it that much, but I liked it better than el Bulli. I had a baby lamb chop which was really delicious. The quality of the food was perfect." www.thefatduck.co.uk

2 Alain Ducasse at Plaza Athenee, Paris, France: "I liked the last meal I had at Ducasse at the Plaza Athenee because it was very simple [and] of great quality. You'd have a braised veal shank with carrots and you'd get a braised veal shank with carrots. But it tastes as good as you think it would." www.alainducasse.com

3 Moulin de Mougins, Mougins, France: "I remember the first time I went to the Moulin Mougins, when [chef] Roger Verge was there — it must be probably 30 years ago or so. I had lunch by myself and I thought it was fantastic." www.moulindemougins.com

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The major social problem in America is the ever increasing disparity of wealth between the classes, largely accomplished through the elite's biased application of laws and taxes. Let's recognize that we have an aristocracy atop our social hierarchy. This privileged class is contrary to our nation's founding principles and is anathema to most of our population. Make no mistake; now, it will take more than jobs to assuage the inherent discontent.

GLENN HAYES, VIA E-MAIL

Why do they protest?

There's a lot of discussion on whether OWS movement is doing any good or just rankling people. If everyone knew more of what the dirty rats in Washington are doing, we'd be able to organize frustration toward the appropriate policymakers. OWS should be protesting Grover Norquist. He seems to be singlehandedly submarining the U.S. economy [with his anti-tax crusade].

CAROLYN GREEN, VIA E-MAIL

Only those luminaries who haven't lost their jobs or their health care or their 401K plans would ask what OWS is about. Or like professor Finkelstein used to say: "It's not until the wealthy are hurt that things change."

SUZY SANDOR, VIA E-MAIL

Spank their bottom line

As a country, we need to stop spending money. We are mentally trained by the mass media to consume in excess. If we curb our spending in support of the necessary, we will hit corporations where it hurts.

WELINA FARAH, VIA E-MAIL

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Respect the amphibian

RE: "NEWT SLITHERS INTO LEAD FOR GOP RACE": Newt Gingrich "slithers" into the lead: Is that what passes for journalism around here? Sure, he deserves it, and worse. But no matter how well deserved, derogatory language does not belong in headlines of news articles. Now apologize to those salamanders for associating them with Mr. Gingrich.

DAN WYLIE-SEARS, VIA E-MAIL

I do not support Newt but he should not be subjected to slurs. The headline may be intended as a "clever" play on his name but it falls flat. Newts are four-legged reptiles that don't slither. In this instance, only the headline writer crawls on his belly.

MICHAEL BENJAMIN, VIA E-MAIL

Horoscope

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Being clever enough to take the frail ideas of others and ingeniously remold them into hardy producers is one of your best talents, which you'll use quite well today.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Candor is essential in all your one-on-one relationships, so don't try to blow things out of proportion just to make them more colorful. Your rhetoric could get taken seriously.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Put your organizational abilities to use by systemizing situations that are somewhat confusing. No one can present a more sensible plan than you.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** If you can, you should allocate some time to doing fun things with some choice chums. You can take what would otherwise be an ordinary day and turn it into something special.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Your aims and wishes would be more readily received if you first set the example you wish others to follow.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** You should be able to excel in activities that require partners. You're willing to accept in others that which is lacking in yourself, and as such work quite well with most anyone.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Focusing on work-related activities makes you a very productive person. Opportunities to accomplish things that you were unable to do previously will present themselves.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Positive thinking will provide ample opportunities to advance in your favorite field of endeavor. The word "can't" won't be found in your vocabulary.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Open your heart and share your know-how when working with the less fortunate. Your generosity may bring you more joy than even the recipients.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Conceptual changes you make regarding your plans for the day should easily work out to your satisfaction. More importantly, however, you should try to advance your dreams.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** You're capable of doing most anything you want, but what would make you the happiest would be applying your effort toward doing something you consider to be truly worthwhile.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** You possess an ability to make the most out of whatever is given to you in life, and are happy doing just that. No matter where you are or whom you're with, you'll use this asset well.

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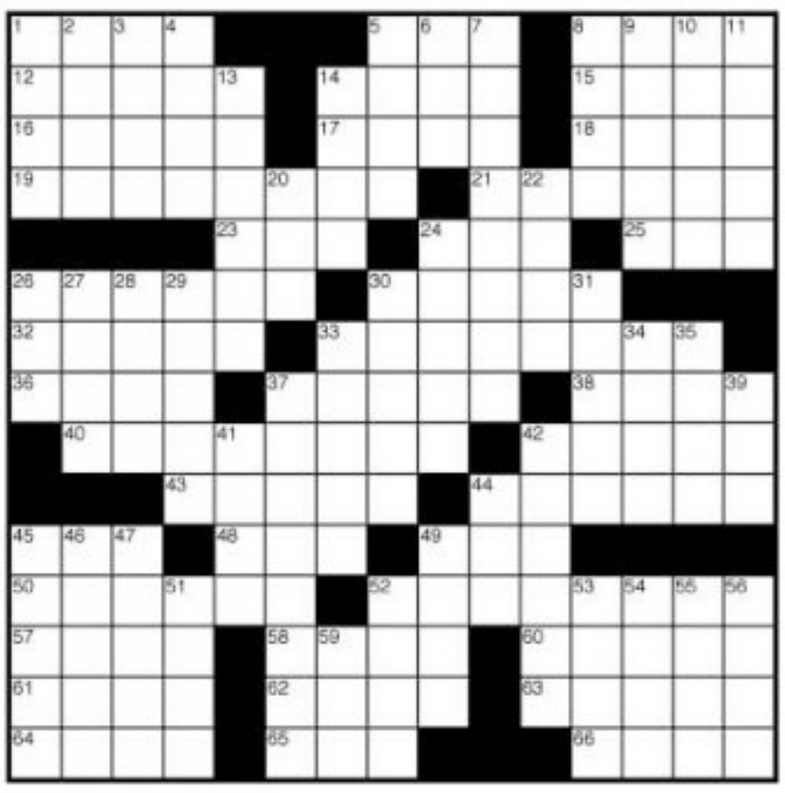

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Opinion

ANGELO CATALDI
THE VOICE OF THE PHILLY SPORTS FAN

BIRDS STILL FLAWED AND UNLIKEABLE

You will hear and read much about the sudden rebirth of the Eagles. Believe none of it. Their 17-10 win over the Giants may have provided a temporary reprieve from this dreadful season, but it proved nothing.

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Vince Young's dramatic drive that saved the season — at least for now — was remarkable in every way. Six third-down conversions with the game on the line against a formidable defense is cause for celebration, as is the blind-side sack by Jason Babin that preserved the victory in the final minutes.

But 12 minutes of joy after a season of frustration isn't enough for me or for you. Before and after that unexpected spree of positive developments, the Eagles were the same muddle of disjointed talents and bad attitudes. Their final destination is programmed into the GPS. They are going nowhere.

For example, the revived defense that held the Giants to 10 points was rescued not by defensive coordinator Juan Castillo but by Young, who held the ball for close to nine minutes and prevented the biggest chokers in football from blowing their sixth fourth-quarter lead. Not only had the defense given away the lead in a five-play, 73-yard drive, but it ended up allowing 143 yards on just 10 plays in the final quarter before Babin's turnover.

The notion that Castillo was somehow vindicated because the Eagles won the game is almost as absurd as Castillo's original appointment to his new job. What exactly did the Eagles prove? They stopped the run against a team that can't run, and they were in the process of another fatal swoon when Young rode to the rescue. Does anyone believe the Eagles' defensive problems are behind them?

And then there is the case of DeSean Jackson, who appears to have won his power struggle with Reid. Before the game, Jackson compared himself to Larry Fitzgerald and the NFL's other top receivers, then he cost his team a 50-yard gain by taunting a Giants assistant. He ended his busy day by proclaiming that he was "the light I bring and shine on my teammates."

Quoted

Does anyone believe the Eagles' defensive problems are behind them?

Jackson learned nothing from his benching. In fact, he was empowered by it. Now he thinks the Eagles can't win without him, and Reid did nothing to discourage that idea after the game. Jackson is a child out of control — selfish, boisterous and poison in the locker room.

Yes, the Eagles won a big game on Sunday. But nothing has changed. Andy Reid is still lost. Juan Castillo is still clueless. And DeSean Jackson is still playing for DeSean Jackson.

The end is near for these overindulgent underachievers — and the sooner the better for all of us.

*– **Angelo Cataldi** is the host of 610 WIP's Morning Show, which airs weekdays 5:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.*

Honesty demands respect

When Ilya Bryzgalov stoned Phoenix last week, it wasn't just a big victory, it was a welcome — and rare — triumph for the truth. You see, Bryzgalov was hated in his final days in Phoenix, basically for one reason. When asked a question, he answered it honestly. Imagine that.

His candor led to a few fractured relationships when he publicly referenced a bad play by a teammate. That's how the Russian goalie got a bad reputation. He spoke the truth. We already got a glimpse of this honesty when Bryzgalov trashed himself, essentially saying he couldn't stop a beach ball.

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▶ Bryzgalov

Well, here's one vote of support for the refreshing new addition to our sports community. We already have enough sneers from Andy Reid, enough hiding from Jeff Lurie and Joe Banner, enough tired cliches from Chase Utley and Ryan Howard.

If we have learned anything at all from the Penn State tragedy still unfolding, it is that honesty remains the best policy. If Mike McQueary had said something publicly about what he had witnessed in 2002, would the alleged abuse have continued? If Joe Paterno had used his powerful voice to halt the insanity, would his legacy have withstood the assault?

Sports figures who prefer the safe route to popularity should study Bryzgalov. Either because of a cultural gap or his honest nature, he's showing the public something that has become extinct. It's called respect.

RICARD LARNA/METRO

▶ Jackson is acting like an out-of-control child.

Shocking but not surprising

In the deepening cesspool at Penn State, there are two themes that require our undivided attention. One is Jerry Sandusky, the former defensive coordinator accused of sexually abusing children. The other is the army of gutless people, led by Joe Paterno, who enabled Sandusky to do what he allegedly did.

Think about the other stories that have emerged since the darkest secrets of Happy Valley became headlines. Politicians were more interested in filling their campaign coffers than in seeking justice for the victims. A judge violated the ethics of her job and took care of a friend. Eyewitnesses were discouraged to tell the truth and then vilified when they tried to.

Is any of that behavior surprising? It happens every day. Granted, the scope of the corruption is alarming, especially in a sick little place like Happy Valley, but it is just a diversion. What really matters is that a man is accused of the worst crime possible, and many people — including the coach most associated with moral behavior — enabled it.

The only things we all need to remember involve Sandusky and Paterno. In a TV interview, Sandusky required a 17 seconds to deny that he is sexually attracted to children. Seventeen seconds. Ask a friend that. You will find none, not one, who needs that long to respond.

Idle thoughts from Cataldi ...

1 Learn by doing. Juan Castillo answered almost every question last week with the words "work hard." Marty Mornhinweg said Kevin Kolb knowing the plays had no bearing on the loss. Isn't it comforting to know when Andy Reid needs a day off, he's got two great replacements?

2 Brat pack. Jimmy Rollins invited the media to his charity event "Havana Nights" — a benefit to prevent child abuse — last week and then snapped at reporters when he was asked about his contract. Even when doing good, Rollins just can't stop himself from acting like a spoiled brat.

3 Two for the show. Baseball's decision to add two wild-card teams seems like wretched excess until you understand a one-game playoff among the also-rans enhances the value of winning the division. In other words, the sad fate of the 2011 Phillies is less likely to happen in the future.

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Eagles must decide if DeSean is worth the money, trouble

- Birds have lots to consider when talking contract with diva receiver
- Reid finds him quite 'appealing,' but is he worth $10 million a season?

DeSean Jackson is a rare playmaker.

He knows it. Andy Reid knows it. And the New York Giants probably know it better than anyone.

His 51-yard punt return, which could have easily been six points if his foot didn't tap the sideline, set up the Eagles' first touchdown in New York. Jackson finished Sunday night's big win with six catches for 88 yards.

Unfortunately, he also generates headlines for all the wrong reasons. Last week, Jackson was benched for missing a team meeting. On Sunday, he had a 50-yard completion called back after he taunted a Giants assistant.

When one reporter asked Reid if he finds Jackson maddening as a player, the coach responded, "When he returns those long punts, I find him quite appealing. I enjoy the kid. He's got a youthful energy. I enjoy him."

Jackson is in the final year of a rookie contract paying him $600,000 and he wants an extension — pronto. But those talks have stalled, for now.

Before Sunday's game, Jackson compared himself to Larry Fitzgerald and the other elite receivers in the NFL. Afterward, he hyped his other attributes, like his infectious personality.

"What I love to do is to come out and help this team win games since day one, since I've been here ... the playmaker ability, just the spark, the energy I'm able to bring to this team," Jackson said. "People don't really understand the light that I bring and just kind of shine on my teammates."

The question is: Is that so-called light worth $10 million a year?

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▶ Jackson is an electrifying player at times.

Keep him ...

- **He's a triple threat,** with his ability to run pass routes, return punts and even in the run game on reverses.
- **Pro Bowl player,** in 2010, became the first player to make the Pro Bowl at two different positions.
- **Speed kills,** Jackson might be the fastest player in the NFL, running a 4.35 40-yard dash at the NFL combine.
- **Plays hard,** as evidenced by his 50-yard chase down of Falcons DE Ray Edwards.
- **The big play.** Since 2008, he has recorded the most TDs of 50 yards or more, with seven of them.
- **The teammate,** his speed forces safeties to play deep, which opens up the field for teammates. Jeremy Maclin and LeSean McCoy are enjoying career years.

... or ditch him?

- **Disappearing act,** small sample size (five playoff games), but has 16 catches for 268 yards and two TDs.
- **Not catching on,** averaged 57.3 receptions in first three seasons, compared to Larry Fitzgerald (76.6).
- **Immature at times,** as evidenced by his goal-line 2008 fumble in Dallas and Sunday's taunting call and recent benching.
- **Size matters,** at 5-foot-10, 175 pounds Jackson isn't your typical No. 1 receiver and concerns about his durability — and willingness to go over the middle — enter into any discussion.
- **Drew Rosenhaus is his agent.** Enough said. Eagles won't get Jackson for less than $10 million a season.

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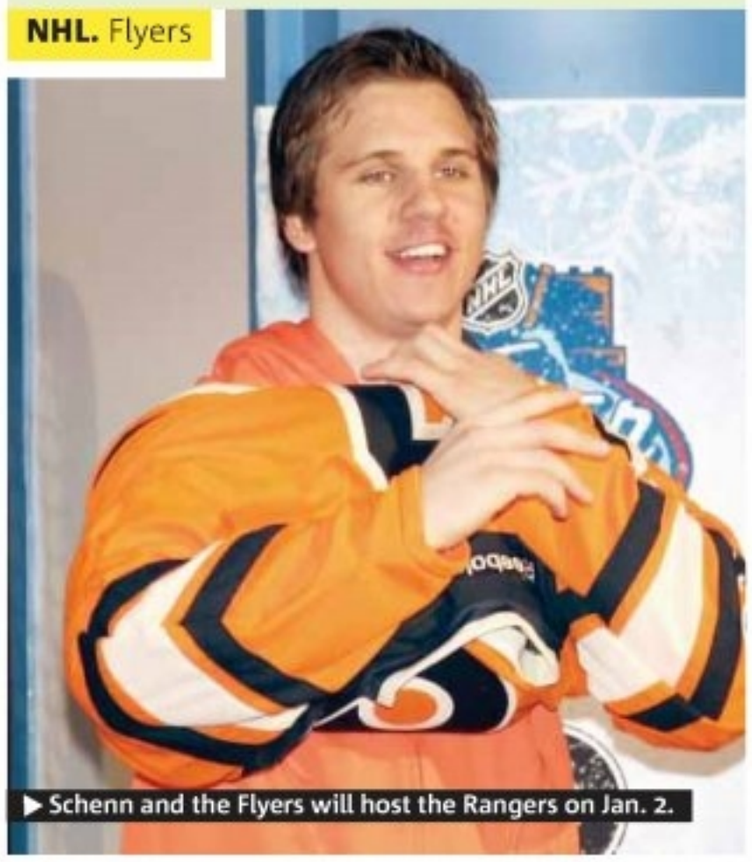

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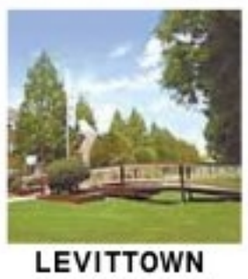

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